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TITLE: "METHOD TO DETERMINE THE ADC COEFFICIENTS IN
DIFFUSION-WEIGHTED MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING
GIVEN USE OF STEADY-STATE SEQUENCES"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AT "The Diffusion Sensitivity of Fast Steady-State Free Precession Imaging," Buxton, Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, Vol. 29, (1993) pages 225-243
- AU "A New Diffusion SSFP Imaging Technique," Zur et al., Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, Vol. 37 (1997) pages 716-722
- AV "High Resolution Renal Diffusion Imaging Using a Modified Steady-State Free Precession Sequence," Ding et al., Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, Vol. 34 (1995) pages 596-595
- AW "NMR Diffusion Coefficient Mapping by Use of Fast Steady-State Free Precession Sequence," Chu et al., Proc. Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, Amsterdam (1989) page 911

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Each of the above references was identified and discussed at pages 4 and 5 of the present specification, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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